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[Report No. 117-]

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 12, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, and Mr. HUDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

DECEMBER --, 2021

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 12, 2021]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Improving the Health*
5 *of Children Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL CENTER ON**
7 **BIRTH DEFECTS AND DEVELOPMENTAL DIS-**
8 **ABILITIES.**

9 *Section 317C of the Public Health Service Act (42*
10 *U.S.C. 247b–4) is amended—*

11 *(1) by striking subsection (a)(4) and inserting*
12 *the following:*

13 *“(4) SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.—The Secretary, act-*
14 *ing through the Director of the Center, shall continue*
15 *to carry out programs related to—*

16 *“(A) early identification of developmental*
17 *delay and disability;*

18 *“(B) birth defects;*

19 *“(C) folic acid;*

20 *“(D) cerebral palsy;*

21 *“(E) intellectual disabilities;*

22 *“(F) child development;*

23 *“(G) newborn screening;*

24 *“(H) autism;*

25 *“(I) fragile X syndrome;*

1 “(J) fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and
2 other conditions related to prenatal substance
3 use;

4 “(K) pediatric genetic disorders;

5 “(L) neuromuscular diseases;

6 “(M) congenital heart defects;

7 “(N) attention-deficit/hyperactivity dis-
8 order;

9 “(O) stillbirth;

10 “(P) Tourette Syndrome; or

11 “(Q) any other relevant disease, disability,
12 disorder, or condition, as determined the Sec-
13 retary.”;

14 (2) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding
15 paragraph (1), by striking “Not later than February
16 1” and all that follows through “2 fiscal years—”
17 and inserting the following: “The Secretary shall sub-
18 mit biennially to the Committee on Energy and Com-
19 merce of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
20 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
21 the Senate, a report that—”; and

22 (3) in subsection (f), by striking “such sums as
23 may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through
24 2007” and inserting “\$186,010,000 for each of fiscal
25 years 2022 through 2026”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTS OF FOLIC ACID IN PREVENTION OF BIRTH**
2 **DEFECTS.**

3 *Section 317J of the Public Health Service Act (42*
4 *U.S.C. 247b-11) is amended by striking subsection (e) (re-*
5 *lating to authorization of appropriations).*